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Brooklyn Museum of Art's Spring Gala on April 26 in Newly Renovated Third-Floor Court To Honor Michael Lynne, Co-Chairman and CEO of New Line Cinema

The Brooklyn Museum of Art will honor Michael Lynne, Co-Chairman and CEO of New Line Cinema at the Spring Gala to be held on Thursday evening April 26, in the Museum's newly renovated Beaux Arts Third-Floor Court. This marks the first time since 1997 that the Museum's major annual fundraising event will be held in the Court, which had been closed while undergoing restoration and renovation.

Tickets to the Spring Gala are available in a range of prices beginning at \$300 to \$500 for an individual. Proceeds will help provide support for the Museum's Education Internship Program. Patron tables are \$5,000 to \$25,000. Sponsorship opportunities are available in the Program for the Spring Gala. For further information call the Special Events office at the BMA (718) 638-5000, ext. 423.

This year's black-tie event will begin with cocktails in the Cantor Gallery in the Museum's Rotunda, containing more than fifty works by Auguste Rodin, which were a gift of Iris and B. Gerald Cantor, and a viewing of *A Family Album: Brooklyn Collects*, a special exhibition of selections from the private collections of more than eighty-five individuals with strong connections to Brooklyn. This will be followed by dinner and dancing in the Third Floor Court.

During the evening Brooklyn-born Michael Lynne will be presented with the Augustus Graham Medal, named after a founder of the Museum and awarded each year in recognition of a strong commitment to the arts and continued support of the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Mr. Lynne is being recognized for his diverse and

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outstanding achievements as film producer, as an alumnus and trustee of Brooklyn College, and as a leading collector of contemporary art.

The Spring Gala is being presented with assistance from the BMA's Community Committee, a volunteer organization.

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